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### REMARKS

New claims 22-29 have been introduced. No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments made to the claims. Support for new claims 22-24 can be found, for example, at pages can be found, for example, at page 33, line 31 to page 34, line 10. Support for new claim 25 can be found, for example, at pages 40-41 and page 49 lines 2-11. Support for new claims 26 and 27 can be found, for example at page 49, line 2-11. Support for new claims 28 and 29 can be found through out the application and claims.

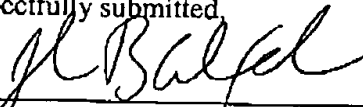
In response to the Species Election requirement, Applicants make the following further elections:

- a. Active-hydrogen-containing compounds: acrylic acid.
- b. heterocyclic compounds and aldehydes: ethylene oxide.
- c. Polymer gels: Applicants elect the resin described in Embodiment 5 (That is, a polymer obtained by copolymerizing N,N-diallylamine hydrochloride and N,N,N-triallylamine hydrochloride).

These elections are made with the understanding that upon allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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